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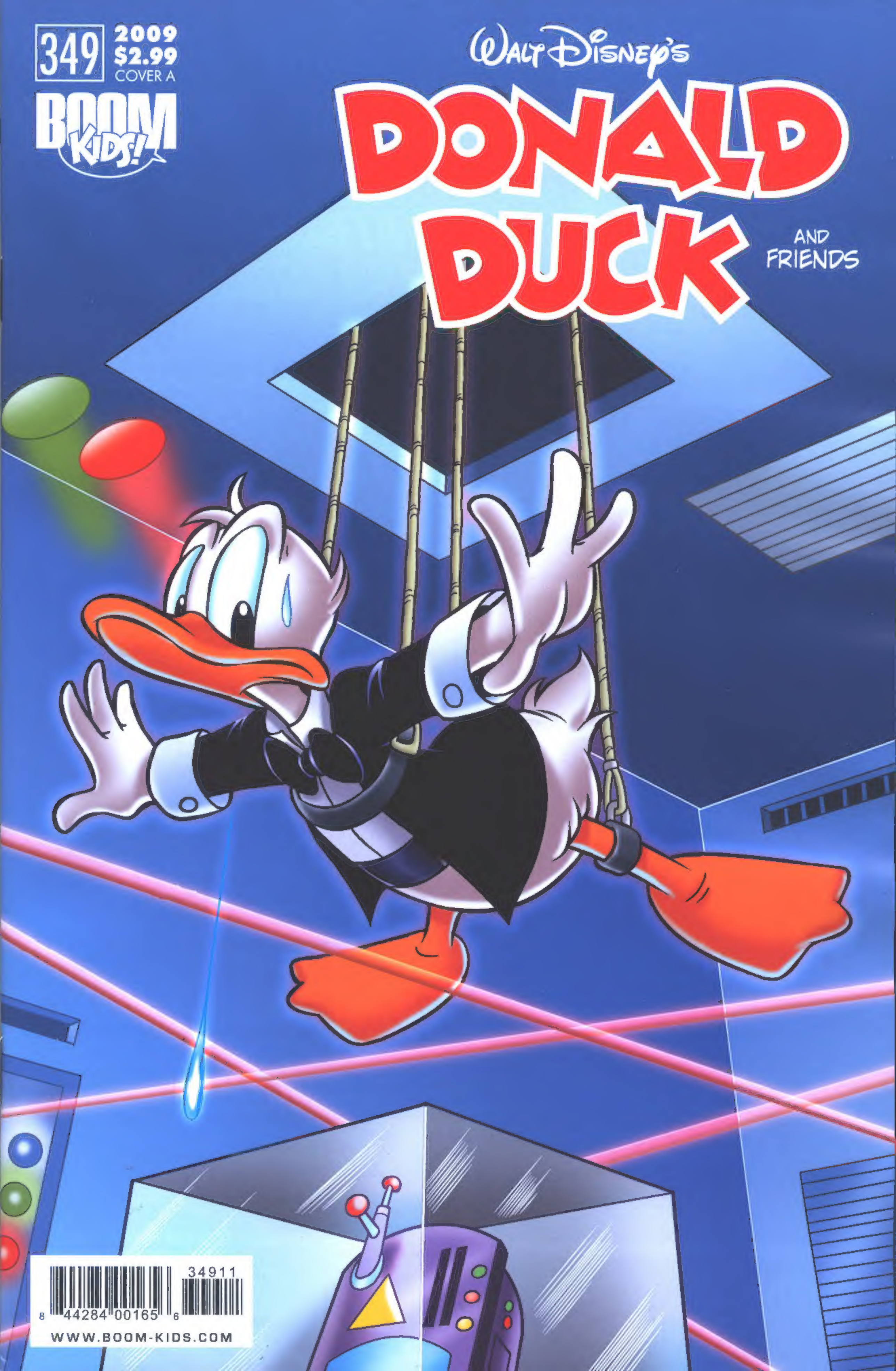

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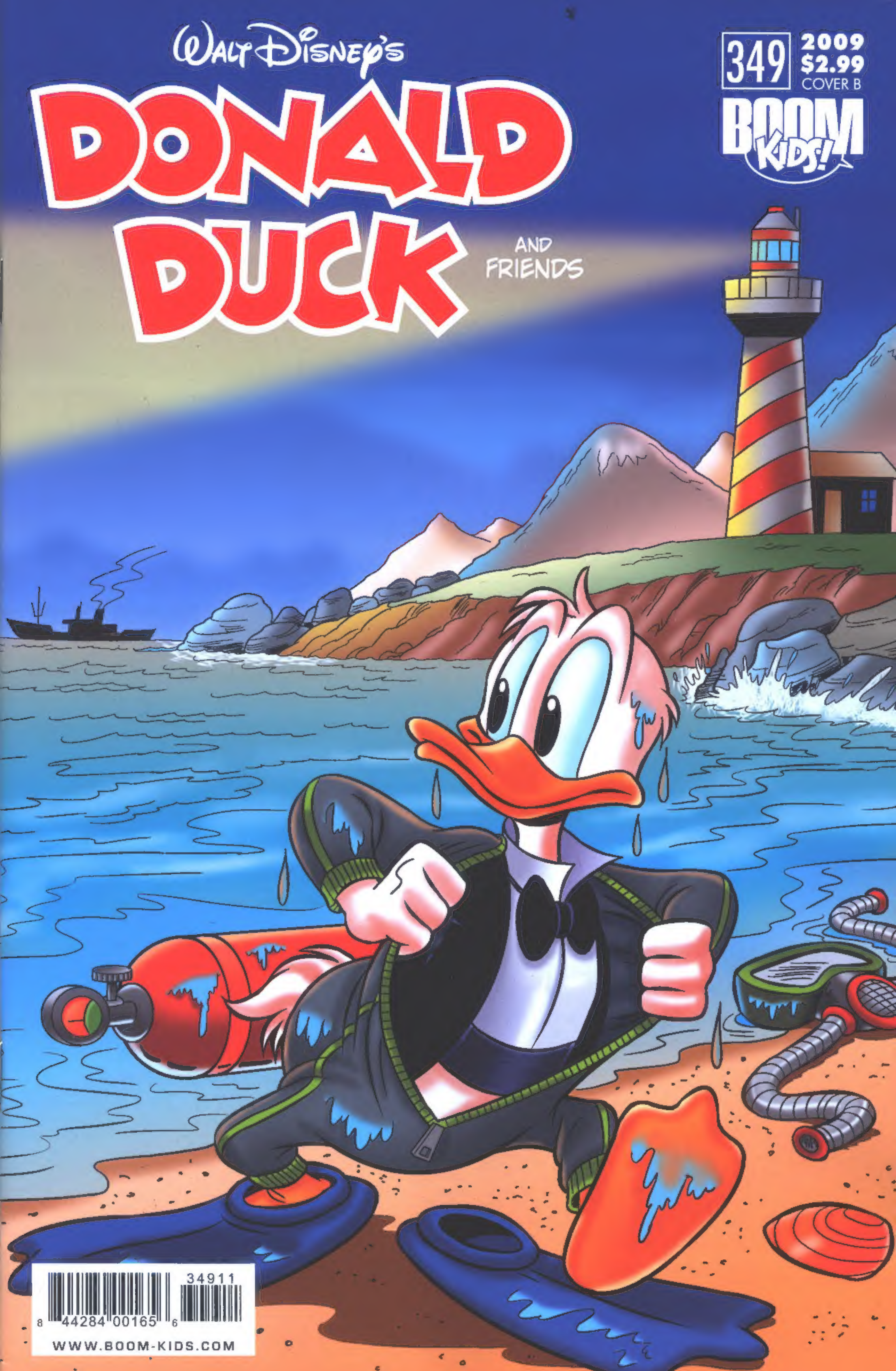

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PREVIOUSLY IN DONALD DUCK & FRIENDS 348...

DONALD DUCK, HAVING ***BARELY*** SURVIVED THE INTENSE TRAINING REGIMEN OF THE AGENCY, IS READY TO BE BRIEFED ON HIS NEW MISSION. THE DIRECTOR INFORMS HIM THAT AGENT B-BERRY HAS DISAPPEARED WITH A LAPTOP CONTAINING VERY SENSITIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENCY. FINANCIER ***MARLO BURKE***, WHO DOUBLES AS THE HEAD OF A CRIMINAL EMPIRE, IS THE PRIME SUSPECT. WHILE WORKING UNDERCOVER WITH AGENT ***B-BLACK*** TO RETRIEVE THE LAPTOP, DONALD LEARNS FROM HIS COUSIN GLADSTONE THAT BURKE IS HOSTING A FORMAL GALA AT HIS HOME THAT SAME EVENING...AND THAT DONALD'S GIRLFRIEND DAISY WILL BE GLADSTONE'S DATE...

GOOD WORK, DOUBLE DUCK!

SFRUSH

REALLY?? WITH SWEEPING UP THE LEAVES?

YOU JUST FOUND US OUR WAY IN TO BURKE'S MANSION!

WHAT? THE RECEPTION?

EXACTLY! WE'LL GET INTO THE PARTY AND THEN YOU'LL MAKE YOUR MOVE.

JUST LIKE IN THE JAMES POND MOVIES! WILL WE BE IN TUXEDOS??

SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

YES! I'M READY!

READY TO ONE UP GLAD-STONE AND SHOW DAISY I'M REALLY A SECRET AGENT!

LATER THAT NIGHT...

MY DEAR BURKE, ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO ATTEND YOUR PARTIES!

HOGGING THE FREE FOOD, YOU MEAN, DEAR MAJOR!

DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE OF THOSE HORS D'OEUVRE?

WHY OF COURSE, YOUR EXCELLENCE!

MOVE IT, YOU LAZY BUM!

COMING! PANT!!

THIS IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND FOR TONIGHT!

NICE TUX. YOU LOOK GOOD IN WHITE!

GRRR! YOU'D LOOK GOOD IN BLACK AND BLUE!

I ONLY HOPE I DON'T SEE ANYONE I KNOW--

DONALD! WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU HERE! AND TO SEE YOU *WORKING!*

AH... YEAH, I THOUGHT I'D GIVE IT A TRY!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, UNCLE SCROOGE? YOU DON'T USUALLY COME TO THESE KIND OF THINGS.

TRUE! BUT TONIGHT THERE'S BUSINESS TO BE DONE!!

SEE THAT MAN? HE'S THE AMBASSADOR OF *BOLOVIA!*

I'M TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM TO ENDORSE MY INVESTMENT PLANS IN HIS COUNTRY!

WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT! I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE HORS D'OEUVRE!

DOUBLE DUCK, DO YOU COPY?

I'M HERE!

THIS IS *GIZMO!* YOU'RE ACTIVATED!

THL

I'M JAMMING THE MANSION'S SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THREE MINUTES! THAT'S WHEN YOU GO FOR THE LAPTOP.

ROGER!

PREPARE TO MOVE WHEN I GIVE YOU THE SIGNAL!

DONALD?! WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

FAILING AS A WAITER, APPARENTLY.

ARGH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? COULDN'T HACK IT AS A STREET SWEEPER?

I CAN SWEEP THE FLOOR WITH YOUR FACE!

COME ON, GLADSTONE! DONALD'S WORKING!

OF COURSE. I'LL LET YOU GET BACK TO YOUR JOB!

AND SPEAKING OF YOUR JOB... HOW ABOUT YOU BRING US A COUPLE COLD DRINKS, *WAITER.*

GRRR! THIS IS TOO MUCH!

YOU WANT A DRINK? I'LL POUR IT...

...RIGHT IN YOUR -- OOPS!

URGH!

SPLASH!

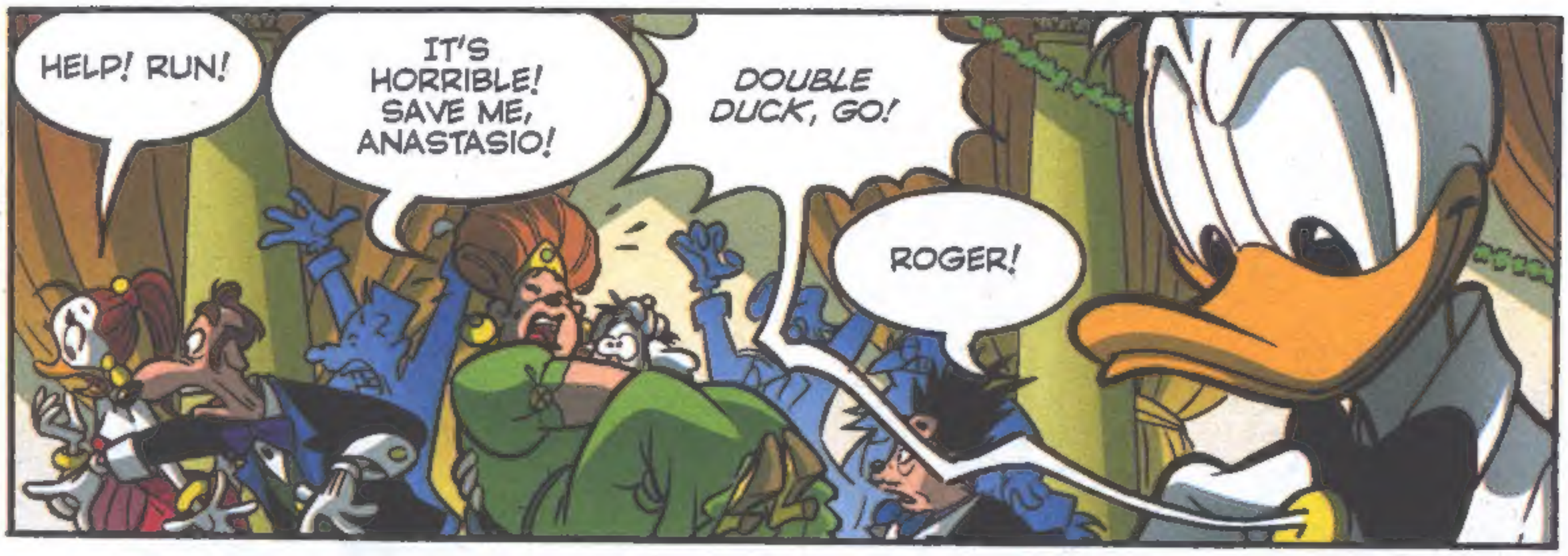
NEPHEW!

I'M SO SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

B-BLACK! SHOW'S ON!

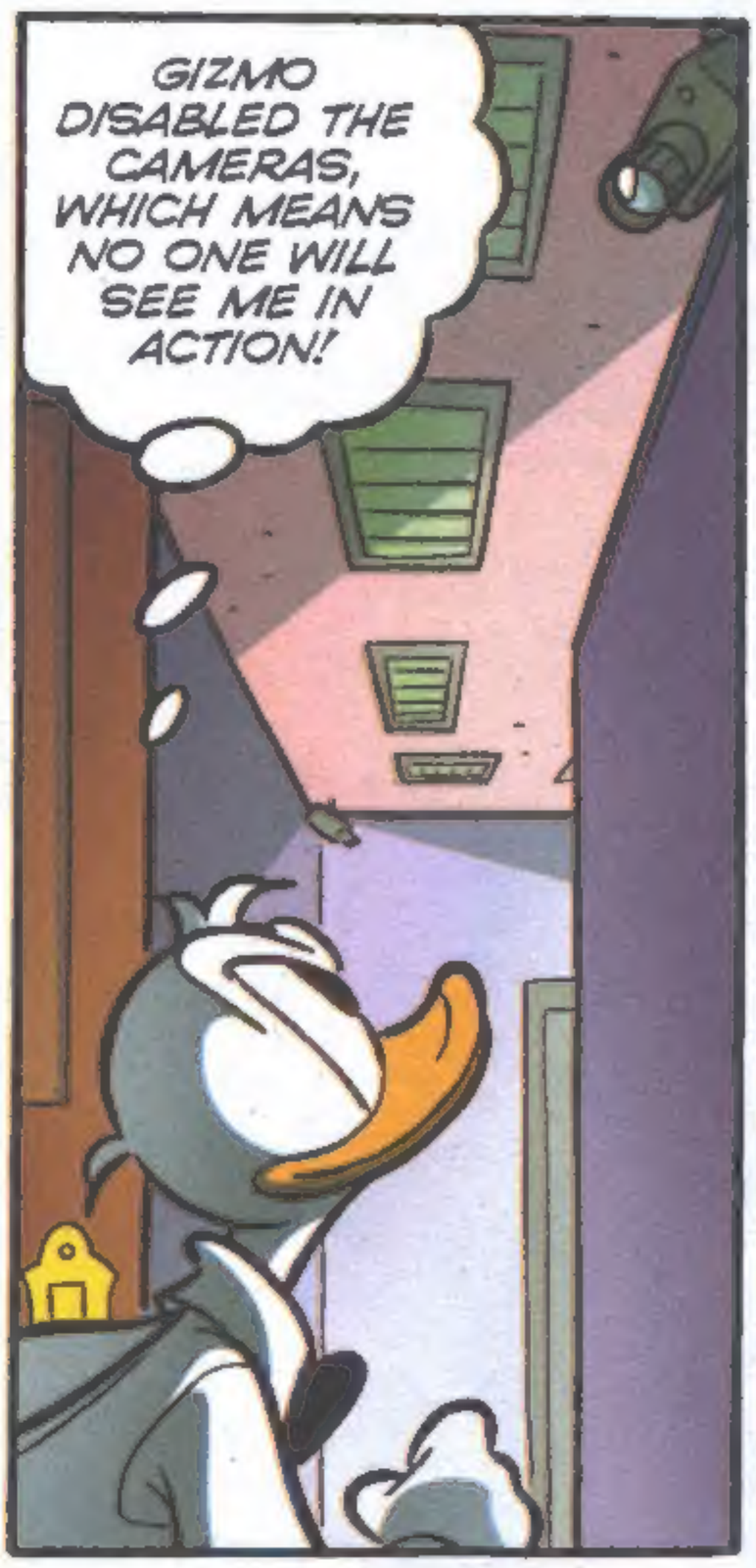
ROGER THAT!

AAAGH! A SNAKE!


HELP! RUN!
IT'S HORRIBLE! SAVE ME, ANASTASIO!
DOUBLE DUCK, GO!
ROGER!

I SAW IT! IT WAS HUGE! AND LOOKED POISONOUS.
A SNAKE IN MY HOUSE? RIDICULOUS!

LOOK!! IT'S OVER THERE!
WHERE? WHERE?


GIZMO DISABLED THE CAMERAS, WHICH MEANS NO ONE WILL SEE ME IN ACTION!

WHAT'S UP WITH THE MONITORS?
POWER OUTAGE. JUST PLAY YOUR HAND.

THERE'S THE SAFE ROOM WITH A COMBINATION LOCK!

OPEN SESAME!

BIP

BIP

BIII-

BIP

AND NOW I JUST NEED TO FIND THE LAPTOP!

CLICK

HERE IT IS, JUST WHERE MR. JAY J SAID IT WOULD BE!

TIME TO BLOW THIS POP STAND!

STOP WHERE YOU ARE!

GASP! BURKE'S GUARDS!

OH NO! THEY'VE ALMOST GOT ME!!

GASP!

THIS WAY, QUICK!

Y-YOU?!

I TOLD YOU WE WOULDN'T LEAVE YOU ON YOUR OWN.

ALL CLEAR! LET'S GO!

GET IN AND START THE CAR! WE'VE GOTTA JET!

I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPIER TO LEAVE A PARTY!

VROOOM

FINALLY! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

NOT YET, *DD!* *THEY'RE FOLLOWING* US!

BURKE'S GOONS ARE GAINING ON US! WE'VE GOT TO LOSE THEM!

GOOD THING I KNOW THESE STREETS LIKE THE BACK OF MY FEATHERS...

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...AND JUST HAD MY OLD 313 TUNED UP!

NARROW ALLEY

GASP!

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WE WON'T FIT!

THEN WE'LL GO AROUND!

WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO DRIVE LIKE THIS?

I'VE HAD TO OUTRUN A FEW CREDITORS IN MY DAY!

GULP! DONALD?!

ZOOM

AND WHO'S THAT HE'S WITH?!?

A VERY GOOD-LOOKING GAL, I'D SAY!

YOU KNOW WHAT, GLADSTONE, I THINK IT'S TIME YOU TOOK ME HOME.

ER, A-AS YOU WISH!

NICE MOVES, DOUBLE DUCK. I MAY HAVE UNDERESTIMATED YOU!

DON'T WORRY. IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!

WHAT OTHER MOVES DO YOU HAVE?

OTHER M-MOVES??

ACK! THEY'RE BACK!

TIME TO LOSE THESE GUYS FOR GOOD!

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OH, NO! JUST MY LUCK!

SKREE

RIDE'S OVER, KIDS! GET OUT OF THE CAR AND PUT YOUR HANDS UP!

TRY ANYTHING AND YOU'LL BE TASTING LEAD!

TAKE THE LAPTOP, PARTN- -URGH!

?!

STUD

RELAX, I'M *DETECTIVE WILSON, S.H.U.S.H.** I'M WORKING AS A *DOUBLE AGENT!*

GASP! A FEDERAL AGENT?!

*SO SECRET NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IT STANDS FOR. -AARON

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER AND I THINK I CAN HELP.

THANKS, BUT OUR MISSION IS CLASSIFIED TO WITHIN OUR OWN ORGANIZATION.

UNDERSTOOD! BUT IF YOU NEED HELP, JUST DIAL THE NUMBER 3!

UM...OKAY!

NOW HIT ME ON THE HEAD SO I CAN SAY YOU CAME AT US FROM BEHIND...

...AND YOU WON'T BLOW YOUR COVER!

OUCH!

STOP

LET'S GET A MOVE ON! MR. JAY J IS WAITING!

YOU'RE UP, AGENT B-BLACK! WE NEED TO EXTRACT THOSE ENCRYPTED FILES!

I'M ON IT! WATCH AND LEARN, JUNIOR!

HMPH! WHATEVER!

IT'S *NOT* HERE! IT'S BEEN DELETED!

BUT THERE'S A RECORD OF AN *UPLOAD* TO AN *EXTERNAL* DISK!

WHICH MEANS SOMEBODY BURNED THE FILE ONTO A CD!

OH, NO! THE *HARD DISK* HAS LOCKED INTO *PROTECTIVE* MODE!

POP

DOUBLE FIREWALL! NO WAY TO UNLOCK IT!

THEN I GUESS IT'S TIME I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH.

B-BERRY BETRAYED THE AGENCY! HE WAS THE ONE THAT STOLE OUR AGENTS' LIST!

?!

THEN THIS LAPTOP...

IT'S BERRY'S! BURKE STOLE IT FROM HIM BECAUSE HE WANTED THE LIST...

...BUT B-BERRY MUST'VE DOWNLOADED THE ENCRYPTED FILE BEFORE VANISHING!

SO HE DIDN'T GET CAPTURED!

NO, HE'S ON THE RUN!

NOW WE MUST HUNT HIM DOWN BEFORE HE SELLS THE LIST TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!

DOUBLE DUCK, GO ON HOME AND GET SOME REST. BUT STAY READY. WE'LL NEED YOU AGAIN SOON.

I'LL BE SUPER-READY! BUT FOR NOW...

"...SOME REST SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA!"

YAWN! I'M EXHAUSTED! I COULD SLEEP FOR A WEEK!

GULP! UNCLE!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

GRRR! I'VE COME TO MAKE YOU *PAY*, NEPHEW!

PAY... FOR WHAT NOW??

THE DEAL YOU COST ME BY THROWING A DRINK ON THE AMBASSADOR!

WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT YOU WERE MY *NEPHEW* HE MADE A DECISION...

...*NOT* TO LET ME DO BUSINESS IN HIS COUNTRY!!!

GULP! T-TRY TO TAKE IT EASY!

WAKK! I'LL TAKE IT EASY WHEN I GET THE MILLIONS YOU'VE COST ME OUT OF YOUR HIDE!

HEEELP!

COBRA

COBRA HERE! WE'VE LOCATED HIM!

FIND OUT WHO HE IS...

...AND THEN THAT DUCK'S GOOSE IS COOKED!

CONTINUED NOW!

DOUBLEDUCK

I THOUGHT THE LIFE OF A SR. WOULD BE LIKE THE MOVIES

TUXEDOS AND PARTIES AND TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD.

ONCE IN AWHILE

BUT WHAT I'M STARTING TO REALIZE IS

..I CAN'T EVEN SAVE MYSELF!

OUCH! STILL HURTS!

MAYBE I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR A LIFE OF ESPIONAGE AND INTRIGUE.

DONALD'S LIFE MAY BE BORING SOMETIMES BUT AT LEAST IT'S NOT DANGEROUS.

AND, QUITE FRANKLY, I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN LAST AS DOUBLE DUCK.

DRIING

THAT'S IT. I'M TELLING THE AGENCY I'VE GONE BACK INTO RETIREMENT. I'M TIRED OF PEOPLE TRYING TO KILL ME!

DRIIN

DRIIN

DONALD DUCK, I AM GOING TO KILL YOU!

DAISY! WAIT... WHAT DID I DO?

YOU TELL ME, ROMEO!! WHO IS SHE?

SHE... WHO?

POC

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME, DONALD DUCK!

TRUST ME, DAISY... I'M NOT PLAYING...

...WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?

I SAW YOU WITH THAT DARK HAIRED GIRL LAST NIGHT!

DARK HAIRED GIRL?

DON'T YOU DARE ACT LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT.

HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH YOUR HAIR?

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!

FINE! THEN LET'S TALK ABOUT LAST NIGHT AND HOW *YOU* WERE OUT WITH *GLADSTONE!*

THAT WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT!

HOW COME WHEN WE DO THE SAME THING, THE WAY SHE DOES IT IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT?

SNORT...

A LITTLE WHILE LATER...

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT FROM THE BEGINNING?

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BELIEVE ME.

QUIZ

WHY WOULDN'T I BELIEVE THAT SHE WAS A JEWELRY MAKER YOU HAD HIRED TO CREATE SOMETHING JUST FOR ME?

BECAUSE I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT MYSELF!

AND TO THINK I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE DATING, WHEN REALLY SHE'S BUSY MAKING A ONE OF A KIND NECKLACE FOR ME! OH, I BET IT'S GOING TO BE COVERED IN DIAMONDS!

YUP... DIAMONDS... PROBABLY...

AND OF COURSE YOU HAD TO GIVE HER A RIDE WHEN HER CAR BROKE DOWN.

I GUESS I FORGOT I'M DATING THE MOST DEPENDABLE, WONDERFUL, HANDSOME DUCK IN THE WHOLE WORLD. NOT TO MENTION *HONEST!*

YUP... THAT'S ME.

SO WHEN DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE READY?

OH, YOU KNOW, THESE THINGS TAKE TIME!

OF COURSE! I'M JUST SO EXCITED!

I PROMISE IT WILL BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BRACELET YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

YOU SAID IT WAS A NECKLACE!

AH...HAHA... YOU CAUGHT ME... I'M GETTING YOU A MATCHING SET!

OH, DONALD! LET'S GO OUT TONIGHT.

SURE THING, DOLL.

I JUST HAVE TO CANCEL MY PLANS WITH GLADSTONE.

GOOD! GIVE HIM MY REGARDS!

WHEW... THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

CLUNK

TO BE CONTINUED...

TALES OF HOLIDAYS PAST

In honor of the holiday season, I have decided to turn this editorial space over to our illustrious BOOM! Kids creators so that they might share their most treasured holiday memories with you! (And grant this beleaguered and bedraggled editor a little breathing room this month by skipping an editorial!)

Mark Waid, Editor In Chief and Writer, *Incredibles*

My most treasured holiday memory was my fourth Christmas, when I received a Batman Utility Belt from Santa. You can be sure the streets of Hueytown, Alabama were free of crime with me on the case.

Ian Brill, Editor

The Looney Tunes Golden Collection DVD. I love the anarchic spirit of Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck.

Nathan Watson, Artist, *Toy Story*

Being a December-born individual, Christmas was always a tricky time – I'd get the batteries for my birthday with the promise of 'Just wait until Christmas, when you get to see what they go in!' Then, on Christmas Day, I get the 'wait and see' gift, open it up – and the batteries are the wrong size!

Patrick Storck, Writer, *Muppet King Arthur*

All the stove burners were in use making breakfast Christmas morning, so mom thought to bake the bacon. About halfway through the meal dad asked why we didn't make bacon. A moment later all the windows were open, the fans were on, and a flaming pan of bacon was being thrown out the back door into the snow.

Deron Bennett, Letterer

As a kid, Christmas was all about "the list" for me. As soon as the holidays approached and the catalogs started rolling in, my brother and I would get to circling every item on every page – just in case Santa was feeling generous. I never could quite get the hang of narrowing things down. I think I may have even asked for an engagement ring from JC Penneys once...or twice.

Bryce Carlson, Editor

It was the mild Southern California winter of yesteryear. I was but a small boy with big dreams of grandiose gifts – after all, I was a GOOD little man. I got a Micro Machine Death Star.

Paul Benjamin, Writer, *Muppet King Arthur and Monsters, Inc.*

I remember a very special Hanukkah gift from my dad just before the winter formal my senior year of high school. Growing up, my non-Jewish friends were often jealous that I got eight gifts over the eight days of Hanukkah. Here's why you should never envy that:

Day 1: Tuxedo pants
Day 2: Cumberbund
Day 3: Bow tie
Day 4: One cufflink

Amy Mebberson, Artist, *Muppet Peter Pan and Monsters, Inc.*

My best Christmas presents ever were the dollshouse hand-built by my grandfather in 1984 and the Amiga 500 system we got in 1990. The dollshouse remains a family treasure, but I've had to rescue the poor Amiga from the rubbish a couple of times. No respect for the classics, man!

Grace Randolph, Writer, *Muppet Peter Pan*

When I was around ten years old, my sister and I had bunk beds and I was on the top. Well, we'd been up for awhile that Christmas morning but had to wait until a "reasonable time" to wake-up our parents. When we agreed the hour had come, my sister bolted out of the room while I was still working my way down from the top bunk! It's her pure excitement, and my excitement to catch up to her, that is my strongest Christmas memory!

And as for my greatest Christmas memory? Three words: Cobra Terror Drome. Thank you, Grandma! Happy holidays, everyone!

-Aaron Sparrow, Editor

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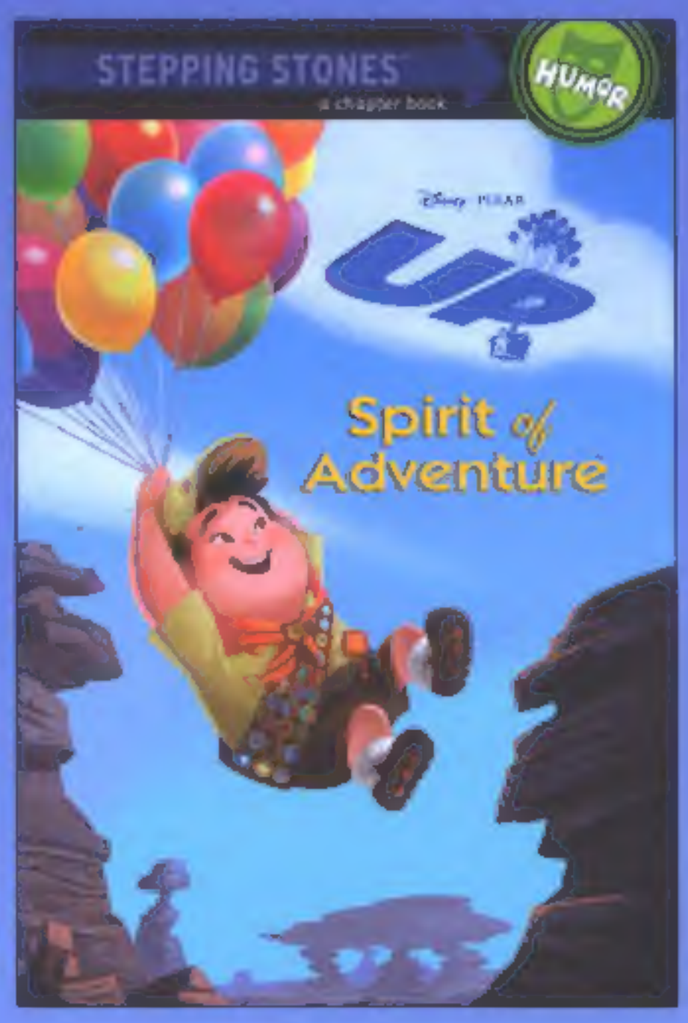

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